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Connecticut's economy recorded slightly higher employment in October when personal income and average weekly wages increased to new highs and unemployment also was up, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages & Hours: A monthly rise of 1,100 in nonfarm employment to 1,416,500 in October (page 2) was mainly in nonmanufacturing, with seasonal gains in general merchandising, educational services and government. Manufacturing was down by 2,900 jobs because of shutdowns and other layoffs, principally in fabricated metals, transportation equipment and printing. Overall employment in October was 25,700 below the same month last year. Monthly employment dropped in 11 labor markets and increased in Danbury, Hartford, New Haven, Norwalk and Willimantic (pages 5 & 6).

Average earnings of factory production workers rose to new record highs of $8.38 per hour and $336.04 weekly (page 3) and the workweek remained unchanged at 40.1 hours. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour workweek basis, earnings were $8.15 hourly and $326 weekly, up from last year's hourly and weekly rates of $7.48 and $299.20. Workers in Ansonia, Hartford, New London-Norwich, Bridgeport, Middletown and Bristol received the highest weekly wages (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment moved up by 7,700 to 110,800 or 6.9 percent in October and the seasonally adjusted rate increased to 7.4 percent (page 4), the highest since April and May's 7.3 percent adjusted figure. Both the actual and adjusted rates remained three full percentage points below the nation's 9.9 and 10.4 rates for October. With the exception of Ansonia, each of the labor markets recorded higher unemployment. Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefit payments, others who were ineligible and whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Several economic indicators showed monthly improvement, including increased automobile registrations, personal income of state residents reaching a new monthly high of $3-billion, $736-million, and a seasonal drop in average weekly new filings for unemployment benefits (page 7).

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# CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

October 1982

| | Oct. 1982 | Sept. 1982 | Oct. 1981(R) | % Change Oct. '82 over Sept.'82 | % Change Oct. '82 over Oct. '81 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonag Employment.... | 1,416,500* | 1,415,400(R)* | 1,442,200* | + 0.1 | - 1.8 |
| Manufacturing..... | 395,600* | 398,500(R)* | 433,800* | - 0.7 | + 9.7 |
| Metallic Manufacturing... | 284,700* | 287,200(R) | 315,300* | - 0.9 | - 9.7 |
| Primary Metals..... | 16,600 | 17,000 | 19,100 | - 2.4 | - 13.1 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 58,200 | 59,000 | 65,800 | - 1.4 | - 11.6 |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec..... | 47,600* | 47,900(R)* | 57,100 | - 0.6 | - 16.6 |
| Electrical Equipment.... | 48,000 | 47,800 | 51,300* | + 0.4 | - 6.4 |
| Transportation Equipment | 82,600 | 83,500 | 85,100 | - 1.1 | - 2.9 |
| Instruments & Clocks.... | 24,800 | 25,200 | 29,400 | - 1.6 | - 15.6 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 6,900 | 6,800 | 7,500 | + 1.5 | - 8.0 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing | 110,900 | 111,300 | 118,500 | - 0.4 | - 6.4 |
| Food..... | 12,000 | 11,800 | 12,400 | + 1.7 | - 3.2 |
| Textiles..... | 6,900 | 7,100 | 8,200 | - 2.8 | - 15.8 |
| Apparel..... | 9,600 | 9,500 | 11,500 | + 1.1 | - 16.5 |
| Furniture & Lumber..... | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,300 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Paper..... | 9,800 | 9,800 | 10,000 | 0.0 | - 2.0 |
| Printing & Publishing... | 25,000 | 25,400 | 25,700 | - 1.6 | - 2.7 |
| Chemicals..... | 18,500 | 18,500 | 19,400 | 0.0 | - 4.6 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics. | 10,900 | 11,100 | 12,000 | - 1.8 | - 9.2 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg... | 11,900 | 11,800 | 13,000 | + 0.8 | - 8.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 1,020,900* | 1,016,900 | 1,008,400* | + 0.4 | - 1.2 |
| Construction..... | 53,900* | 54,000 | 55,000* | - 0.2 | - 2.0 |
| Transportation..... | 32,000 | 31,900 | 32,000 | + 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Motor Freight & Warehsg | 12,800 | 12,700 | 12,700 | + 0.8 | + 0.8 |
| Other Transportation... | 19,200 | 19,200 | 19,300 | 0.0 | - 0.5 |
| Communications..... | 17,600 | 17,600 | 18,100 | 0.0 | - 2.8 |
| Utilities..... | 11,600 | 11,700 | 11,500 | - 0.9 | + 0.9 |
| Trade..... | 309,200 | 310,100 | 303,600 | - 0.3 | + 1.8 |
| Wholesale..... | 81,200 | 81,300 | 78,200 | - 0.1 | + 3.8 |
| Retail..... | 228,000 | 228,800 | 225,400 | 0.4 | + 1.2 |
| General Merchandise... | 32,200 | 30,900 | 31,400 | + 4.2 | + 2.6 |
| Food Stores..... | 41,600 | 41,800 | 40,600 | - 0.5 | + 2.5 |
| Auto Dlrs & Gas Sta... | 24,200 | 24,300 | 24,700 | - 0.4 | - 2.0 |
| Restaurants..... | 66,100 | 67,900 | 63,900 | - 2.7 | + 3.4 |
| Other Retail Trade.... | 63,900 | 63,900 | 64,800 | 0.0 | - 1.4 |
| Finance, Ins. & R.E..... | 116,000 | 116,200 | 112,500 | - 0.2 | + 3.1 |
| Banking..... | 28,500 | 28,400 | 27,500 | + 0.4 | + 3.6 |
| Insurance..... | 65,400 | 65,500 | 62,800 | - 0.2 | + 4.1 |
| Real Estate..... | 10,100 | 10,200 | 10,100 | - 1.0 | 0.0 |
| Other Fin., Ins. & R.E. | 12,000 | 12,100 | 12,100 | - 0.8 | - 0.8 |
| Services..... | 301,900 | 301,400 | 292,500 | + 0.2 | + 3.2 |
| Hotels..... | 6,700 | 7,100 | 6,100 | - 5.6 | + 9.8 |
| Personal Services..... | 14,700 | 14,500 | 13,900 | + 1.4 | + 5.8 |
| Business Services..... | 61,600 | 61,700 | 59,400 | - 0.2 | + 3.7 |
| Health Services..... | 102,000 | 101,800 | 100,200 | + 0.2 | + 1.8 |
| Law & Professional..... | 21,200 | 20,900 | 20,400 | + 1.4 | + 3.9 |
| Educational Services... | 30,100 | 28,700 | 27,200 | + 4.9 | + 10.7 |
| Other Services..... | 65,600 | 66,700 | 65,300 | - 1.6 | + 0.5 |
| Government..... | 178,700 | 174,000 | 183,200 | + 2.7 | - 2.5 |
| Federal..... | 21,500 | 21,400 | 21,300 | + 0.5 | + 0.9 |
| State & Local..... | 157,200 | 152,600 | 161,900 | + 3.0 | - 2.9 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes
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# E A R N I N G S  A N D  H O U R S  -  O C T O B E R  1 9 8 2

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct. 1982 | Sept. 1982 | Oct. 1981 | Oct. 1982 | Sept. 1982 | Oct. 1981 | Oct. 1982 | Sept. 1982 | Oct. 1981 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $336.04 | $334.43 | $321.31 | 40.1 | 40.1 | 41.3 | $8.38 | $8.34 | $7.78 |
| Metallic Manufacturing..... | 348.25 | 346.58 | 334.02 | 40.4 | 40.3 | 41.7 | 8.62 | 8.60 | 8.01 |
| Primary Metals..... | 356.66 | 363.86 | 375.80 | 40.3 | 40.7 | 43.8 | 8.85 | 8.94 | 8.58 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 315.17 | 318.35 | 306.91 | 40.2 | 40.4 | 42.1 | 7.84 | 7.88 | 7.29 |
| Machinery..... | 361.62 | 359.45 | 359.98 | 41.0 | 40.8 | 42.5 | 8.82 | 8.81 | 8.47 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 280.28 | 275.81 | 271.17 | 39.7 | 39.8 | 40.9 | 7.06 | 6.93 | 6.63 |
| Transportation Equipment... | 426.71 | 421.70 | 383.04 | 40.6 | 40.2 | 39.9 | 10.51 | 10.49 | 9.60 |
| Instruments and Clocks..... | 309.20 | 301.95 | 318.28 | 40.9 | 40.1 | 43.6 | 7.56 | 7.53 | 7.30 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 279.70 | 281.40 | 278.81 | 39.9 | 40.2 | 41.8 | 7.01 | 7.00 | 6.67 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing... | 306.53 | 304.92 | 287.43 | 39.4 | 39.6 | 40.2 | 7.78 | 7.70 | 7.15 |
| Food..... | 314.00 | 316.36 | 302.74 | 40.0 | 40.3 | 40.8 | 7.85 | 7.85 | 7.42 |
| Textiles..... | 243.91 | 237.07 | 242.40 | 36.9 | 37.1 | 40.4 | 6.61 | 6.39 | 6.00 |
| Apparel..... | 192.03 | 194.71 | 184.57 | 36.3 | 36.6 | 35.7 | 5.29 | 5.32 | 5.17 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 253.43 | 253.68 | 239.98 | 40.1 | 39.7 | 40.4 | 6.32 | 6.39 | 5.94 |
| Paper..... | 387.32 | 380.35 | 368.34 | 45.3 | 44.8 | 45.7 | 8.55 | 8.49 | 8.06 |
| Printing & Publishing..... | 313.42 | 316.83 | 288.88 | 36.7 | 37.1 | 36.2 | 8.54 | 8.54 | 7.98 |
| Chemicals..... | 394.67 | 377.39 | 356.12 | 41.5 | 41.2 | 41.7 | 9.51 | 9.16 | 8.54 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics.... | 283.35 | 281.46 | 269.53 | 39.3 | 39.2 | 40.9 | 7.21 | 7.18 | 6.59 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 314.81 | 327.18 | 313.22 | 39.4 | 41.0 | 42.1 | 7.99 | 7.98 | 7.44 |
| Construction..... | 512.03 | 506.47 | 454.48 | 37.9 | 37.6 | 36.8 | 13.51 | 13.47 | 12.35 |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

| | Oct. 1982 Number | Oct. 1982 Ratio to Labor Force | Sept. 1982 Number | Sept. 1982 Ratio to Labor Force | Oct. 1981(R) Number | Oct. 1981(R) Ratio to Labor Force |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 110,800 | 6.9 | 103,100 | 6.4 | 91,300 | 5.8 |
| Seasonally Adjusted.... | | (7.4) | | (6.9) | | (6.4) |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 1,600 | 10.2 | 1,700 | 10.7 | 1,400 | 8.4 |
| Bridgeport..... | 16,100 | 8.3 | 14,800 | 7.6 | 11,400 | 5.9 |
| Bristol..... | 4,400 | 12.8 | 3,600 | 10.6 | 3,000 | 8.4 |
| Danbury..... | 5,800 | 6.0 | 5,300 | 5.6 | 5,200 | 5.5 |
| Danielson..... | 2,900 | 10.6 | 2,600 | 9.3 | 2,500 | 8.9 |
| Hartford..... | 25,300 | 6.5 | 24,600 | 6.3 | 20,900 | 5.5 |
| Meriden..... | 2,800 | 10.5 | 2,700 | 10.0 | 2,200 | 8.3 |
| Middletown..... | 3,100 | 5.4 | 3,100 | 5.3 | 3,100 | 5.4 |
| New Britain..... | 6,700 | 9.1 | 6,200 | 8.4 | 4,900 | 6.6 |
| New Haven..... | 13,800 | 6.8 | 12,400 | 6.2 | 12,200 | 6.1 |
| New London-Norwich..... | 5,600 | 5.2 | 5,200 | 4.8 | 6,100 | 5.7 |
| Norwalk..... | 2,900 | 3.8 | 2,900 | 3.7 | 3,000 | 3.9 |
| Stamford..... | 4,700 | 3.8 | 4,300 | 3.5 | 4,400 | 3.6 |
| Torrington..... | 3,900 | 9.6 | 3,600 | 9.0 | 2,900 | 7.3 |
| Waterbury..... | 9,600 | 8.8 | 8,900 | 8.2 | 6,900 | 6.5 |
| Willimantic..... | 1,600 | 6.2 | 1,200 | 5.1 | 1,200 | 4.5 |
| U.S. Total-Actual..... | 10,942,000 | 9.9 | 10,695,000 | 9.7 | 8,216,000 | 7.5 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | | (10.4) | | (10.1) | | (8.0) |

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

| | Oct. '82 | Sept. '82 | Oct. '81 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 294.1 | 293.3 | 279.9 |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx | + 0.3 | + 5.1 |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Oct.'82 | Sept.'82 | Oct.'81(R) | Percent Change to October'82 from: Sept.'82 | Oct.'81 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 7,810 | 7,930 | 8,490 | - 1.5 | - 8.0 |
| Manufacturing | 2,470 | 2,620 | 3,010 | - 5.7 | - 17.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,340 | 5,310 | 5,480 | + 0.6 | - 2.6 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 167,180* | 167,860 | 172,070* | - 0.4 | - 2.8 |
| Manufacturing | 60,780* | 61,970 | 65,200* | - 1.9 | - 6.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 106,400* | 105,890 | 106,870 | + 0.5 | - 0.4 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,450 | 21,710* | 23,490 | - 1.2 | - 8.7 |
| Manufacturing | 7,700 | 7,810 | 9,890 | - 1.4 | - 22.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 13,750 | 13,900* | 13,600 | - 1.1 | + 1.1 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 69,220 | 68,720 | 69,390 | + 0.7 | - 0.2 |
| Manufacturing | 24,750 | 24,780 | 25,640 | - 0.1 | - 3.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 44,470 | 43,940 | 43,750 | + 1.2 | + 1.6 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 18,930 | 19,080 | 19,680 | - 0.8 | - 3.8 |
| Manufacturing | 8,280 | 8,580 | 9,090 | - 3.5 | - 8.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 10,650 | 10,500 | 10,590 | + 1.4 | + 0.6 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 398,900* | 397,020* | 399,880* | + 0.5 | - 0.2 |
| Manufacturing | 88,820* | 89,620* | 94,640* | - 0.9 | - 6.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 310,080 | 307,400 | 305,240* | + 0.8 | + 1.6 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,210 | 21,260 | 21,690 | - 0.2 | - 2.2 |
| Manufacturing | 5,250 | 5,400 | 5,520 | - 2.8 | - 4.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 15,960 | 15,860 | 16,170 | + 0.6 | - 1.3 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 45,410 | 45,540 | 46,330 | - 0.3 | - 2.0 |
| Manufacturing | 14,110 | 14,360 | 15,460 | - 1.7 | - 8.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 31,300 | 31,180 | 30,870 | + 0.4 | + 1.4 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 59,930* | 59,980* | 63,540 | - 0.1 | - 5.7 |
| Manufacturing | 24,780* | 25,120* | 28,740 | - 1.4 | - 13.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 35,150 | 34,860 | 34,800 | + 0.8 | + 1.0 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 190,880* | 189,880* | 191,300 | + 0.5 | - 0.2 |
| Manufacturing | 39,890* | 39,450* | 41,340 | + 1.1 | - 3.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 150,990 | 150,430 | 149,960 | + 0.4 | + 0.7 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 96,100 | 96,410 | 95,640* | - 0.3 | + 0.5 |
| Manufacturing | 34,560 | 34,280 | 34,750* | + 0.8 | - 0.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 61,540 | 62,130 | 60,890* | - 0.9 | + 1.1 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 65,030 | 64,850 | 64,510 | + 0.3 | + 0.8 |
| Manufacturing | 20,620 | 20,350 | 21,290 | + 1.3 | - 3.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 44,410 | 44,500 | 43,220 | - 0.2 | + 2.8 |

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Oct.'82 | Sept.'82 | Oct.'81(R) | Percent Change to October'82 from: Sept.'82 | Oct.'81 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 112,100 | 113,060 | 112,740 | - 0.8 | - 0.6 |
| Manufacturing | 30,610 | 30,730 | 31,910 | - 0.4 | - 4.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 81,490 | 82,330 | 80,830 | - 1.0 | + 0.8 |
| TORRINGTON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 28,240 | 28,300 | 29,440 | - 0.2 | - 4.1 |
| Manufacturing | 9,490 | 9,570 | 10,530 | - 0.8 | - 9.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 18,750 | 18,730 | 18,910 | + 0.1 | - 0.8 |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,530 | 88,070 | 88,480 | - 0.6 | - 1.1 |
| Manufacturing | 29,720 | 30,200 | 32,400 | - 1.6 | - 8.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 57,810 | 57,870 | 56,080 | - 0.1 | + 3.1 |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,590 | 18,610 | 21,020 | + 5.3 | - 6.8 |
| Manufacturing | 2,540 | 2,740 | 2,840 | - 7.3 | - 10.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 17,050 | 15,870 | 18,180 | + 7.4 | - 6.2 |

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct. 1982 | Sept. 1982 | Oct. 1981 | Oct. 1982 | Sept. 1982 | Oct. 1981 | Oct. 1982 | Sept. 1982 | Oct. 1981 |
| Ansonia | $401.12 | $380.70 | $376.66 | 43.6 | 42.3 | 43.9 | $9.20 | $9.00 | $8.58 |
| Bridgeport | 351.82 | 352.00 | 339.20 | 40.3 | 40.6 | 42.4 | 8.73 | 8.67 | 8.00 |
| Bristol | 347.27 | 360.75 | 357.29 | 38.5 | 39.0 | 40.1 | 9.02 | 9.25 | 8.91 |
| Danbury | 329.64 | 319.20 | 317.12 | 42.7 | 42.0 | 43.5 | 7.72 | 7.60 | 7.29 |
| Danielson | 277.49 | 275.56 | 254.39 | 37.6 | 37.8 | 37.8 | 7.38 | 7.29 | 6.73 |
| Hartford | 365.89 | 359.48 | 336.61 | 40.7 | 40.3 | 40.9 | 8.99 | 8.92 | 8.23 |
| Meriden | 289.48 | 300.13 | 288.40 | 39.6 | 39.7 | 41.2 | 7.31 | 7.56 | 7.00 |
| Middletown | 350.95 | 340.86 | 328.35 | 39.7 | 39.0 | 39.8 | 8.84 | 8.74 | 8.25 |
| New Britain | 340.80 | 342.50 | 332.06 | 40.0 | 40.2 | 42.3 | 8.52 | 8.52 | 7.85 |
| New Haven | 318.67 | 319.87 | 300.60 | 39.1 | 39.2 | 39.5 | 8.15 | 8.16 | 7.61 |
| New London-Norwich | 358.98 | 354.48 | 325.21 | 40.2 | 40.1 | 40.1 | 8.93 | 8.84 | 8.11 |
| Norwalk | 335.58 | 334.59 | 321.90 | 42.0 | 42.3 | 43.5 | 7.99 | 7.91 | 7.40 |
| Stamford | 325.22 | 315.99 | 300.12 | 40.4 | 40.1 | 41.0 | 8.05 | 7.88 | 7.32 |
| Torrington | 238.64 | 242.89 | 235.42 | 38.0 | 38.8 | 39.5 | 6.28 | 6.26 | 5.96 |
| Waterbury | 280.76 | 283.11 | 273.19 | 39.6 | 40.1 | 41.9 | 7.09 | 7.06 | 6.52 |
| Willimantic | 266.53 | 267.85 | 256.62 | 39.9 | 39.8 | 42.0 | 6.68 | 6.73 | 6.11 |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | Av. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981 | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1418.4 | 1433.2 | 7433 | 5402 | 6.7 | 6.1 |
| Feb.... | 1414.7 | 1435.5 | 4533 | 5168 | 6.7 | 6.1 |
| Mar.... | 1422.9 | 1436.0 | 4065 | 5344 | 6.3 | 6.0 |
| Apr.... | 1435.5 | 1434.5 | 4644 | 5210 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| May.... | 1448.7 | 1437.7 | 3941 | 5355 | 5.7 | 6.0 |
| Jun.... | 1457.8 | 1437.9 | 5786 | 6065 | 6.1 | 6.0 |
| Jul.... | 1432.7 | 1443.7 | 8374 | 5379 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| Aug.... | 1426.4 | 1441.8 | 5877 | 5830 | 6.2 | 6.1 |
| Sep.... | 1441.3 | 1438.0 | 3896 | 6174 | 5.6 | 6.2 |
| Oct.... | 1441.9 | 1435.3 | 4729 | 6564 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Nov.... | 1446.0 | 1433.8 | 5751 | 7042 | 6.0 | 6.5 |
| Dec.... | 1447.1 | 1428.8 | 10279 | 6196 | 6.4 | 6.6 |
| 1982 | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1417.7 | 1432.0 | 8581 | 6236 | 7.7 | 6.5 |
| Feb.... | 1409.6 | 1429.6 | 5890 | 6716 | 7.6 | 6.8 |
| Mar.... | 1413.9 | 1426.7 | 5394 | 7107 | 7.1 | 7.0 |
| Apr.... | 1417.7 | 1416.3 | 6211 | 6971 | 6.9 | 7.3 |
| May.... | 1425.2 | 1413.9 | 6148 | 8353 | 6.5 | 7.3 |
| Jun.... | 1429.4 | 1409.7 | 7493 | 7855 | 6.9 | 6.9 |
| Jul.... | 1406.4 | 1417.7 | 10612 | 6816 | 7.1 | 6.9 |
| Aug.... | 1395.8 | 1411.3 | 6742 | 6688 | 6.6 | 6.6 |
| Sep.... | 1415.4(R) | 1412.6(R) | 6314 | 9774 | 6.4 | 6.9 |
| Oct.... | 1416.5 | 1409.5 | 6560 | 9111 | 6.9 | 7.4 |
| Nov.... | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | |

| | Personal Income Millions (R) | New Auto Registrations | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Seasonally Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 3277.0 | 9052 | 10565 | 42.1 | 41.8 | 119.7 | 115.1 |
| Feb.... | 3298.0 | 7491 | 9347 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 119.4 | 115.4 |
| Mar.... | 3319.7 | 11387 | 9435 | 41.8 | 41.8 | 120.3 | 115.2 |
| Apr.... | 3325.2 | 12979 | 12049 | 41.5 | 41.7 | 119.3 | 115.7 |
| May.... | 3340.8 | 9161 | 8845 | 41.6 | 41.8 | 119.3 | 116.1 |
| Jun.... | 3367.2 | 9387 | 8104 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 121.4 | 117.4 |
| Jul.... | 3422.4 | 9219 | 9015 | 41.4 | 41.7 | 104.0 | 117.4 |
| Aug.... | 3447.9 | 9888 | 9130 | 41.3 | 41.7 | 104.7 | 118.7 |
| Sep.... | 3460.6 | 8120 | 9430 | 41.0 | 41.2 | 119.3 | 117.6 |
| Oct.... | 3473.4 | 8742 | 8419 | 41.3 | 41.3 | 119.0 | 116.6 |
| Nov.... | 3488.1 | 8694 | 10297 | 41.4 | 41.0 | 118.8 | 114.5 |
| Dec.... | 3502.8 | 8501 | 8415 | 41.7 | 41.0 | 107.0 | 112.9 |
| 1982 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 3540.0 | 6380 | 7359 | 40.9 | 40.6 | 117.0 | 112.5 |
| Feb.... | 3559.9 | 4919 | 6080 | 40.8 | 40.9 | 115.0 | 111.2 |
| Mar.... | 3578.7 | 9368 | 7698 | 40.9 | 40.9 | 115.3 | 110.4 |
| Apr.... | 3592.3 | 5286 | 5068 | 40.6 | 40.8 | 113.6 | 110.2 |
| May.... | 3612.4 | 8632 | 7847 | 40.5 | 40.7 | 112.8 | 109.8 |
| Jun.... | 3626.7 | 9845 | 8728 | 40.2 | 40.2 | 111.3 | 107.6 |
| Jul.... | 3666.4 | 8391 | 8076 | 40.0 | 40.3 | 93.1 | 105.1 |
| Aug.... | 3687.4 | 11219 | 10485 | 40.0 | 40.4 | 93.0 | 105.4 |
| Sep.... | 3714.0(R) | 3754 | 4469 | 40.1 | 40.3 | 108.2 | 106.7 |
| Oct.... | 3735.9 | 9056 | 8617 | 40.1 | 40.1 | 107.7 | 105.6 |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | |

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# MERIDEN ADDED TO LIST OF CONNECTICUT LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The city of Meriden has been designated by the U.S. Department of Labor as an area of labor surplus, effective November 1, 1982, and is added to the list of 18 other Connecticut municipalities so classified. This list, compiled annually, is in effect for the period from June 1, 1982 through May 31, 1983. Employers located in these areas are eligible for preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The purpose of the preference is to direct a part of the government's purchasing dollars into areas of severe economic need. The standard criterion for inclusion of an area on the list is that it must have had an average unemployment rate 20 percent greater than the national average unemployment rate during the reference period, January 1980 through December 1981. The national average unemployment rate for calendar years 1980 and 1981 was 7.5 percent of the labor force, thus the qualifying rate used in classifying labor surplus areas was 9.0 percent. A reference period of this length obscures the influence of cyclical or seasonal factors, therefore targeting areas of high structural unemployment resulting from a change in the relationship between the demand and availability of workers' skills. Areas may also receive this designation because of exceptional circumstances which cause a sudden, unforeseen rise in unemployment not reflected in the reference period. This was the basis for the addition of Meriden where worsening economic conditions produced a dramatic rise in the city's jobless rate.

The 19 Connecticut municipalities presently designated as labor suprlus areas are as follows:

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| Ansonia | Plymouth | Thomaston |
| Bozrah | Pomfret | Thompson |
| Bridgeport | Putnam | Torrington |
| Griswold | Seymour | Voluntown |
| Killingly | Sprague | Waterbury |
| Meriden | Sterling | Winchester |
| Plainfield | | |